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Application No.: 09/898,776

Filed: July 3, 2001

For: SPEECH PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND METHOD

Examiner: M. Opsasnick

Art Unit: 2655

August 9, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicant requests a refund of \$1,400.00 for claims in excess of twenty, which was erroneously charged to our Deposit Account 06-1205. It is requested that the refund be applied as a credit to that Deposit Account. The reason for the refund is explained below.

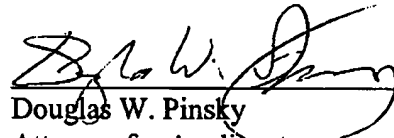
On February 17, 2005, Applicant filed an Amendment, copy attached, The Amendment amended Claim 27 (which decreased the claim count by 28) and added new Claims 32-35 (which then increased the claim count by 28). Therefore, the claim count did not change and there were no additional claims fees due at that time.

The Patent Office's Monthly Statement of Deposit Account, dated April 2005 (copy attached), indicates that Deposit Account No. 06-1205 was charged the fee of \$1,400.00. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that a refund of \$1,400.00 is due.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests a refund and authorizes the Commissioner to credit Deposit Account No. 06-1205 in the amount of \$1,400.00 to resolve this matter.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

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